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NEW AMERICAN HYBRID RHODODENDRONS

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A Note About the New American Hybrids.

This catalog introduces 16 new American hybrid rhododendrons. They are the result of 17 years of hybridizing, the making 216 crosses and growing literally thousands of plants to blooming size. These plants have been carefully selected, the finest ones named and the rhododendrons listed in this catalog are propagated from these named selections. Our success in hybridizing is proved by the recognition received from the American Rhododendron Society. Seventeen of our plants have won the **P.A.** (Preliminary Award). In competition at the annual Portland show our plants have five times won the gold cup for the best American hybrid shown. We believe you will find them distinctively different from other rhododendrons and good plants to have in your garden.



Conditions of Sale

TERMS: Net cash.

PRICES: All prices F.O.B. Brooks, Oregon.

GUARANTEE: All plants are guaranteed true to name.

SHIPPING METHOD: Plants will be shipped Express collect.

CAPTAIN JACK: P.A. 1956 ('Mars' X *erigynum*)

This is the finest red I have raised. You might call it a greatly improved Mars, with better color, bigger flowers, fine compact truss of 21-24 current red flowers; wonderful foliage with big handsome leaves. It is very hardy. Grows to about 3½ feet in ten years. Blooms first week of June.

Only a few plants 8" \$10.00

CAPTAIN KIDD: ('Princess Elizabeth' X 'May Day')

This hardy plant with its dark green foliage has never had its bloom affected by the hard winter freezes. The growth habit is always contorted and twisted, and the plant will grow in any direction, but always in an irregular manner. The flowers are red, campanulate over 3½ inches in diameter and of great substance.

10-12" \$10.00

CAVALIER: ('Pygmalion' X 'Tally Ho')

The foliage on this plant is an almost black green, and retains a very dark color even in the full sun. The habit is rather neat and it will not grow over three feet in ten years, but will spread considerably. The large trusses of bloom are borne in the last week of May, and are a bright red heavily spotted all around the interior. There is up to 24 flowers in a truss. This plant is very hardy and has never been injured by low temperatures here.

10-12" \$10.00 other plants to \$25.00

CIS.: P.A. 1952. ('Loders White' X 'Fabia'.)

A.R.S. Goodman Gold Cup for the best American hybrid shown at the Portland Show 1952.

The unusual color combinations on the four-inch flowers of this plant are crimson to creamy yellow on the inside eventually fading to deep cream with the outside of the flower remaining crimson. The plant is of only medium upright habit, with dull green foliage, and will reach three feet in ten years. This plant was practically uninjured during the freeze of 1955. Blooms the middle of May.

10-12" \$10.00 larger plants to \$35.00

CONFECTION: P.A. 1956 ('Corona' X 'Dondis')

The sixteen Rose Madder colored flowers in the truss of this plant are almost iridescent in their shading, and display great charm. The foliage is dull green and the habit of the plant is quite compact and will grow to three feet in ten years. Blooms from the middle to the last of May.

8-10" \$10.00

DR. ROSS: (*griersonianum* X 'Borde Hill')

First place for the best American hybrid shown at the 1949 A.R.S. Rhododendrons Show.

A hardy plant with fine rather narrow foliage of good habit that requires some shade. The light red unspotted, large bloom are carried in a fine truss and show in the middle of May. Will grow to be a three foot plant in ten years.

10-12" \$10.00 others to \$15.00

ELLA: (*dichroanthum* x *wardii*)

In making this hybrid two of the finest species in their color class were used, the Exbury form of *dichroanthum*, and a wonderful cream yellow *wardii* from the Barto Gardens. This splendid hybrid has dense green foliage, and fine compact habit. The campanulate bloom of good substance are upright and are a deep yellow color. The trusses of 7-9 flowers usually show the last week of May.

6-8" \$10.00

GOLDBUG: (*croceum* X 'Fabia')

A handsome almost dwarf bush with fine dense foliage will grow to about two feet in ten years. The flowers about 6-9 in a truss are carried so profusely that they cover the plant. The color is scarlet changing to orange, then cream yellow. The inside of the flower is heavily spotted all around with dark red spots, a very fine low growing and unusual colored dwarf. Perfectly hardy, and blooms in mid May.

6-8" \$10.00

JADE: ('Fabia' X 'Corona')

The habit of this plant is very dense, compact and slow growing and will reach less than two feet in ten years. The tight, upright trusses are a combination of colors including pink, orange, and eventually in the later stages greenish yellow. A plant of outstanding habit and bloom. Usually blooms in the last week of May.

8-10" \$10.00 larger plants up to \$25.00

LEONA: ('Corona' X 'Dondis')

A hardy shrub with fine very dark green foliage and good growth habit, that will reach about 4½ feet in 10 years. The winters of 1950 and 1955 did not damage this plant. The truss is outstanding, tall, well filled and larger than a fine truss of Corona. The flowers are pink, slightly spotted with a darker base, and are carried well in the truss. Blooms in the first week of June. Probably the finest pink I have yet raised.

10-12" \$10.00 larger plants to \$25.00

LITTLE PUDDING: P.A. 1953 (*decorum* X 'Fabia')

This slow growing plant of rather irregular habit has a tendency to grow in a spreading manner, and will grow to less than three feet high in ten years and probably more across. The foliage is dull green. The flowers are carried in a loose truss during the middle of May and are four inches across. The color is coral pink to tan.

10-12" \$10.00 larger plants to \$25.00

LITTLE SHEBA: P.A. 1954 ('Earl of Athlone' X 'Fabia' X *forrestii* var. *repens*)

A.R.S. Goodman Gold Cup for the best American hybrid shown at the Portland Show 1954.

This dwarf hardy rhododendron will not get over six inches in height in 10 years but will spread to about 2½ feet in width. The blood red blooms are three to the truss and are campanulate 2¼ inches in diameter and stand upright making a very pretty sight. The blooms show in the first week of May.

Year old field grown cuttings about 4" \$10.00

QUINIELLA: ('Brittania' X 'May Day')

The fine, tight, rounded trusses of rose red have the appearance of double flowers, as the calyx is as large as the bloom itself. A very hardy plant with light green foliage that has never been damaged here. Grows to less than three feet in ten years, and blooms in the first week of June.

10-12" \$10.00

RED CLOUD: P.A. 1953 ('Tally Ho' X 'Corona')

An upright growing plant with handsome dark green foliage that will reach four feet in ten years. The trusses contain 16-18 red flowers and are of excellent upright, conical habit. The colors blend to a darker shade of red near the center of the flowers creating an unusual effect. Quite hardy and blooms towards the later half of May.

10-12" \$10.00 larger plants to \$15.00

STOPLIGHT: P.A. 1951 (*griersonianum* X 'Cornubia')

This plant will show its bright waxy red bloom in mid April and is a fairly upright grower. The foliage is dark green, and very handsome. In 1950 the temperature dropped to —15 degrees, and this plant survived in the seedling bed, but was badly damaged, and I am of the opinion that it should be grown in protected coastal areas and farther south in California. The flowers are borne in a rather loose truss of up to 10 blooms and are very showy in the early season.

2 foot plants \$10.00

VOODOO: P.A. 1955 ('Brittania' X 'May Day')

A most profuse blooming plant of good habit. Every terminal seems to set buds each year, and even the smallest plants do so. Flowers are a bright red, rather long for the width and are seven to nine in a loose truss. Blooms in the middle of May.

12-15" \$10.00



FINER RHODODENDRONS FOR OUR GARDENS

Come rhododendron time each spring and many of us in the Portland area look forward to our trips to the garden of Rudolph Henny to see his new hybrids in bloom. Hundreds of them; masses of color, many with larger flowers or with distinctively different flowers, and quite a number of new color "breaks." This small list is just the beginning of good things coming from this hybridizer. When the bloom has passed in my Portland garden, I can visit Mr. Henny and see many of his fine new late blooming hybrids which he has not yet shown. Mr. Henny says his success is due to the "Luck of Hybridizing." Many of us who know his work think it's his knowledge of plants, plus years of patience, a lot of hard work and ruthless weeding out of inferior plants. His plants have won 17 P.A. (Preliminary Awards.) Five times he has won the gold cup in competition at the American Rhododendron Society Portland shows for the best American hybrid shown. Many other fine plants will come from this garden in the near future.

Bob Bovee

